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Approved by CEW

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY REQUESTING THE MEMPHIS URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TO AMEND ITS BYLAWS TO ADD A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION TO THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE MPO. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER RITZ.

WHEREAS, the Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) constitutes the forum for cooperative transportation planning and decision making in the Memphis Urban Area, as required by 23 C.F.R. 450.310; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws for the MPO Transportation Policy Board provide that it shall be composed of the principal elected officials of the governmental jurisdictions participating in the Memphis Urban Area Transportation Planning Process, along with the chairpersons of the major providers of local and regional transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Board of the MPO is currently comprised of twenty-five (25) voting members; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Executive Board is currently comprised of the following membership or his or her designee: 1.) Governor, State of Tennessee; 2.) Governor, State of Mississippi; 3.) Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT); 4.) Representative, Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT); 5.) President and General Manager, MATA; 6.) Representative, Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission; 7.) President, Memphis and Shelby County Airport Authority; 8.) Shelby County Mayor; 9.) City of Memphis Mayor; 10.) Mayor, City of Arlington; 11.) Mayor, City of Bartlett; 12.) Mayor, Town of Collierville; 13.) Mayor, City of Lakeland; 14.) Mayor, City of Germantown; 15.) Mayor, City

of Millington; 16.) President, DeSoto County, MS Board of Supervisors; 17.) Mayor, City of Hernando, MS; 18.) Mayor, City of Horn Lake, MS; 19.) Mayor of Walls, MS; 20.) Mayor, City of Olive Branch, MS; 21.) Mayor, City of Southaven, MS; 22.) Mayor of Fayette County; 23.) Mayor, Town of Braden; 24.) Mayor of Gallaway; 25.) Mayor, City of Piperton; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Bylaws provide that *ex-officio* membership of the Transportation Policy Board of the MPO shall include the following: 1.) Division Director, Federal Highway Administration – Tennessee; 2.) Division Director, Federal Highway Administration – Mississippi; 3.) Regional Director, Federal Transit Administration – Region VI; 4.) Regional Director of the Environmental Protection Agency – Region IV; 5.) President of the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, Mississippi; 6.) President Board of Supervisors of Tate County, Mississippi; 7.) President of the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County Mississippi; 8.) Judge of Crittenden County, Arkansas; 9.) Mayor of Tipton County Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this Commission deems it advisable and helpful for cooperative transportation planning and decision making in the Memphis Urban Area and in the best interest of the citizens of Shelby County that the MPO Transportation Policy Board have at least one voting member who is a Shelby County Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, that this Board, after careful consideration hereby requests and urges the MPO Transportation Policy Board to amend the MPO Transportation Policy Board Bylaws to provide that at least one voting member of the MPO Transportation Policy Board shall be a Shelby County Commissioner whose vote shall be

given the proportional weight as is consistent with the vote accorded other voting members of the MPO Transportation Policy Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the should the MPO Transportation Policy Board amend its Bylaws to provide that at least one voting member of the MPO Transportation Policy Board shall be a Shelby County Commissioner, that this Commission shall give appropriate consideration to the appointment of a Commissioner to the MPO Transportation Policy Board whose race and ethnicity will increase the diversity of representation on the MPO Transportation Policy Board, if possible, so that the MPO Transportation Policy Board's voting membership is more reflective of the racial and ethnic composition of the population of the City of Memphis and Shelby County and other communities participating in the Memphis Urban Area Transportation Planning Process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring the same.

A C Wharton, Jr. Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____